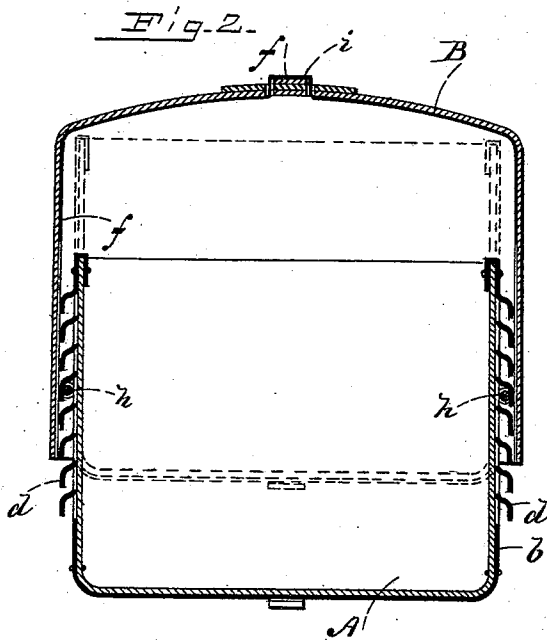
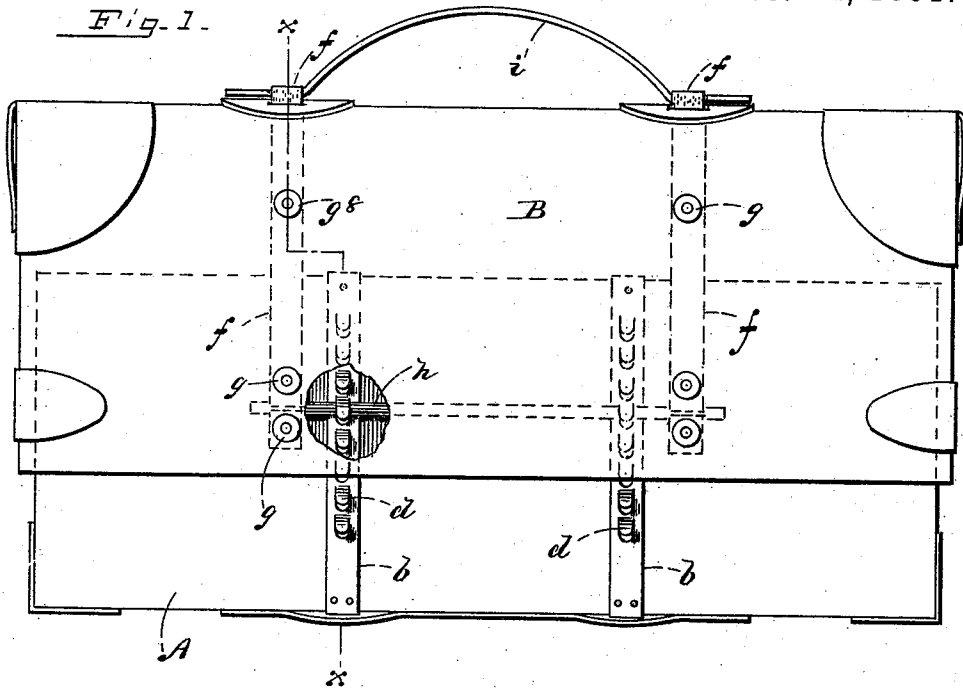


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. BREWER, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Extension or Telescope Hand-Bags, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved bag; Fig. 2, a vertical transverse section of the same.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates, especially, to means for locking the sections of an extension hand-bag together, whereby the use of straps is done away with; and it consists in certain novel features hereinafter fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler, cheaper, and more effective device of this character than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents the lower member or body of the bag, and B the upper or cover member, said members being re-enforced at the corners and of the ordinary construction, excepting as hereinafter specified.

Upon the outer face of the member A are two transverse metallic straps *b*, provided with downwardly-curved teeth or projections *d*. Bands or straps *f* are secured to the inner face of the upper member B, parallel with the straps *b* when said members are together, and disposed at a greater distance apart. These straps are preferably secured by rivets *g*. Connecting corresponding ends of the straps *f* there is a horizontally-arranged locking bar or rod *h*, disposed out of contact with the body-walls of said member.

In the use of my improvement the cover B is placed over and borne down upon the body A in the usual manner, the rods *h* slipping over the downwardly-curved teeth *d* and the resilient sides of the members springing sufficiently to permit the bag being raised by its handle *i*. Said rods catch under the teeth *d*, supporting the body A. The usual material from which bags of this class are constructed is flexible. By bearing down upon the cover B so as to slide the rods *h* from under the hook-shaped teeth *d*, and at the same time inserting the fingers under the edges of the member B, its sides may readily be bent or curved outward, releasing said rods from the catches *d* and enabling the cover to be removed, although I prefer the construction above described, because the hook shape of the teeth *d* prevents an unauthorized person who does not understand the fastening from readily disconnecting the members, as such disconnection cannot take place until the cover is first borne downwardly.

By the arrangement of parts described the necessity of using straps and buckles to secure the bag members together is avoided, and the bag may be much more quickly opened and closed than when such straps are employed.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

The herein described extension-bag, the same comprising a body member having transverse straps on its outer face provided with downwardly-hooked teeth, and a cover member having transverse strips on its inner face at a greater distance apart than those on the body and connected by rods standing out of contact with said member and adapted to engage said teeth, the members being composed of flexible material, substantially as described.

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